

Sand Ceremony

Supplies Needed:

3 containers, 2 smaller one larger

white sand

2 different color sands one representing the Bride, one representing the Groom

Set-Up:

A small table with the 3 containers of sand

Minister:

Love is a force stronger than any other. It cannot be seen or measured, yet it is powerful enough to transform you in a moment, and offer you more joy than any material possession ever could. But although this love joins you together as one, remember the gift of your individuality. Cherish and affirm your differences as you love each other. Be supportive of your strengths, and tender towards your weaknesses. Laugh together, cry together, be comforted by each other's presence, and secure in each other's absence.

To symbolize the importance of each of you within the marriage and the joining of your two lives into one marriage, 3 colors of sand will now be combined in a sand ceremony.

This container begins with a layer of white sand, which symbolizes the foundation of your relationship.

Now **Bride** and **Groom** will each separately pour their sand into the vase, symbolizing who they are as individuals.

Now, **Bride** and **Groom**, please pour together some of your sand , blending your two colors to symbolize your joining together forever in love.

Lastly, together add another layer of white sand. This represents your family and community of friends, who are your support system.

Though the vase may be moved around, and the colors may shift and blend in new ways, the grains of sand cannot be separated. They will remain joined in a harmonious whole.

Minister:

Holds up the completed vase, presenting it to the guests.

May your love always be as eternal and as inseparable as this sand.